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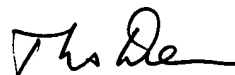
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This letter is in response to your letter of May 23 2003, requesting that your period of response be extended to September 23, 2003. The extension of time is based on the mailing date of the final rejection, that being January 23, 2003. The office action mailed 1/23/03 set a three month shortened statutory period for response. The law sets a 6-month maximum statutory period for response to an office action. Accordingly, the maximum period for response to the final rejection mailed 1/23/03 is 7/23/03. Applicant should request a refund from this office for the 4<sup>th</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> month, since a 4-5 month extension was not available for the office action mailed 1/23/03, such would extend applicant's response time past the maximum time allowed by Law, this office has no authority to waive a Law.



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